Allocation of funds to PHCs

523. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per UN report huge funds are being allocated to the Primary Health Centres to provide basic medical facilities which are never made available to the villagers; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the plight of the villagers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Primary Health Centres (PHCs) are established by respective State Governments, as per their requirements, and physical targets set by the Planning Commission out of the over-all funds provided to them under the State Sector Health outlay. As on date, 3043 Community Health Centres, 22842 Primary Health Centres & 137311 Sub-centres have been established in rural areas to provide health care services. The Central Government also provides financial, technical and commodity assistance for repair and renovation of health facilities, procurement of drugs and equipments under all the National Health Programmes viz., control of Tuberculosis, Leprosy, Cataract Blindness and Malaria and the programme for Reproductive and Child Health.

Emergency treatment facilities in Lakshadweep

524. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Government hospitals functioning at present in remote areas of rural India including Lakshadweep Islands;

(b) whether it is a fact that those hospitals/primary health centres functioning in Lakshadweep Islands do not have any emergency facilities for treatment of patients;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when, the emergency facilities for treatment are likely to be provided in all existing health centres in Lakshadweep Islands?